GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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MAKING AIRCRAFT HIJACK PROOF
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US Federal Aviation Administration has issued directives to all global carriers to strengthen the plane`s cockpit doors making it impossible for passengers to open them and thereby making the aircraft hijack-proof;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) by when the work for making the Air-India/Indian Airlines` planes hijack-proof is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) Yes, Sir.
(b) Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has mandatedthe requirements issued by the FAA applicable to airplanes having a door between the passenger & pilot compartment and engaged i n Scheduled Air Transport services(passenger) or a ll cargo operations where provision is also available to carry passengers.
(c) DGCA has directed Indian Airlines and Air India to comply with the modifications on affected aircraft by 9th April, 2003.